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Dear Ms. Casey and Mr. Keith:

RE: Interstate 29/35 Paseo Bridge Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above referenced DEIS. This DEIS was assigned a Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) file number 20060113. Based upon our review, EPA has rated the DEIS as "LO" (Lack of Objections). EPA has appreciated the outreach efforts made through the scoping process, and the opportunities for local residents to comment during that process. We encourage that openness be continued by during the Design-Build process (perhaps most importantly as the decision as to bridge-type is made), and we hope the community retains its opportunity to be an active participant in the process.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Stephen Smith at (913) 551-7656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Cothorn".

Joseph Cothorn
NEPA Team Leader
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